titute perjury, amounted to a plain and insuggestion of falsehood and a willon of the truth. These offenses ch the accused has been found guilt; nvolve so much that is perilous to the high ense of honor that should characterize the personnel of our navy and so much that is dangerous to proper discipline in that branch of our service that it seems to me a proper regard for public duty precludes my inter-ference with the sentence which the courtmartial has imposed."

LABOR COMMISSION BILL.

Favorable Report on the Measure Presented by Senator Perkins. WASHINGTON, March 26.-Senator Perkins, from the committee on education and labor, to-day presented a favorable report on the bill authorizing the appointment of a nonpartisan commission on labor, agriand capital. The committee amended the bill so as to provide that the commission shall consist of five members in the interest of labor to be designated, one from each of five labor organizations; five in the interest of agriculture, three of whom shall be designated by the Farmers' Alliance and two by the National Grange

and of five in the interest of capital, to be

selected from among the manufacturers and those representing other business pur-The report says: "The problems presented in the various fields of labor and in the different departments of business have become and are becoming more complicated through the progress which marks this in-dustrial age. The relations of laborers to each other on the one hand and to capital on the other are now so varied and differ so greatly in widely separated sections of our country that it has become necessary to establish some central bureau or commission which shall be able to view comprehensively the entire field and ascertain the true relation to each other of the facts resented. In no other way can the many nterests of half a continent be brought into harmony; in no other way can that feeling of good will of all classes toward each other be aroused which is essential to the appiness, prosperity and progress of the

DRINK HABIT WANING.

Decrease in the Amount of Intoxieants Consumed in This Country.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, March 26.-Here are some figures showing the progress of this country as a drinking nation. In 1887 the average annual consumption of malt liquors in the United States was 5.31 gallons per capita of our population. It gradually increased every year until it reached the "high-water" consumed for every man, woman and child in the Nation. Then it receded a trifle, being for 1895 only 14.95 gallons. The consumption of whisky and other disnaving fallen from 1.69 gailons for every nhabitant in 1869 to 1.2 in 1895. The red letter year for the rum power was 1870, when it rose to 2.07 gallons. The decrease in the last fifteen years is a startling eviice of the steady growth of the temperance sentiment of this country.

The coff e-drinking habit has increased

very much. In 1867 the average amount for inhabitant was 5.01 pounds, while in it had risen to 9.22. Tea drinking, on contrary, does not seem to increase, spite of afternoon social festivities. In 1867 it was 1.09 pounds per capita and in 1895 it had only increased to 1.38 pounds The most remarkable increase in all the necessities of life is shown in the consur tion of sugar, which increased from 24.1 pounds in 1867 to 62.6 in 1895. Evidently this country has a large sweet tooth.

Report on Arizona Admission Bill. WASHINGTON, March 26 .- Senator White, from the committee on territories, to-day presented the report of that committee on the blil for the admission of Arizona as a State of the Union. The report says that the Territory contains 113,000 square miles, or a greater than is comprised in the ten States of Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecti-New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maryland, West Virginia and South Carolina combined. Its reurces are represented as unlimited, com-O acres of grazing land, and the largest ken forest area in the United States, as well as rich deposits of gold, silver, copper, lead, onyx, marble and precious stones. The population is placed at 80,000, and is represented as rapidly increasing. The Territory is said to be prosperous, notwithstanding the dull times. The people of the Territory, the report says, are almost a unit for statehood.

The statehood bills for the admis ion of the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico will be again passed on by the House committee on Territories at its meeting next Thursday. To-day the committee decked, without any formal vote, to take the bills up next week and vote on them a

Cost of Building the Pacific Roads. WASHINGTON, March 26 .- In response to a resolution the Secretary of the Interior to-day sent to the Senate a statement from the office of the Railroad Commissioner. showing the cost of construction of the Union Pacific to have averaged \$50,000 a mile; of the central branch, \$27,313; Sloux City and Pacific, \$43,000, and of the Kansas Pacific, \$53,767. The report shows that as early as 1881 the officials of the roads refused to reveal to the government officials the amount of stock held by individual stock-holders, and this information has never been in the possession of the Commissioner. The Commissioner is also ignorant as to where the bonds of the company are held. The mortgage debt of the Union Pacific, ex-clusive of the government lien, is \$82,782,885. The land grant to these four roads amounts to 18,841,000 acres, of which 12,000,000 was to the Union Pacific and 6,000,000 to the

License for Fishing Vessels. WASHINGTON, March 26.-United States Consul-general Riley, at Ottawa, has informed the State Department that the Dominion government has prepared a form of license for United States fishing vessels, permitting them to buy bait and supplies, ship men, etc., similar in terms to the usual form, except that it contains a stipulation to prevent evasion of the law in the follow-ing clause added to the license: "Will be-come null and void and forfeited herewith and the vessel will become ineligible to obtain license in the future if any of the goods and supplies or other advantages obtained hereunder are sold or transferred to any United States fishing vessel that has not obtained license."

Proposed Changes in Patent Laws. WASHINGTON, March 26 .- Representative Draper to-day submitted a favorable report from the committee on patents on the bill introduced by him revising and ling the statutes relating to patents. been approved by able lawyers, the Com-missioner of Patents and judges on the bench. The bill has been amended in one particular, looking to a remedy for undue delays in the patent of amendments. The amendments proposed in the bill, says the report, are not of a radical character and are needed to harmonize the statutes in view of court decisions and to meet abuses

that have grown up under the present law. Medical History of the Late War. WASHINGTON, March 26 .- Mr. Broderick. of Kansas, has presented in the House resolution directing the superintendent of medical and surgical history of the late war and for the index catalogue of the Surgeon-general's office at the estimated cost of reproducing these volumes from the stereotyped plates. Whenever the number of subscribers for either of the works amounts to not less than 400 the Public Printer is to reprint and deliver them to the superintendent of documents for sale to the subscribers.

tion of John I. Hall, Assistant Astorneygeneral for the Interior Department, was presented to the President this afternoon, to take effect May 1. Judge Hall resigns accept the general counselship of the sorgia Southern & Florida Railroad Company. His successor as Assistant Attorney-general will be W. A. Little, of Columbia Ga., who was formerly Attorney-general of that State, Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives and a member of its last constitutional convention.

Turkish Minister Not Recalled. WASHINGTON, March 26,-Mayroyeni Bey, the Turkish minister, said this aftermoon that he had not received any word from his government that he was to be recalled, as stated in a Constantinople disich, and expressed the opinion that the story was untrue. He visited the State De-partment on business to-day and saw Sec-retary Olney. His visit was made the basis of sensational and unfoul ted reports that

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he had presetned his letters of recall to the Secretary. The minister did not even mention the matter of recall.

Medal Awarded Senator Sewell. WASHINGTON, March 26 .- A medal of honor has been awarded to Brevet Major General William J. Sewell, United States Senator from New Jersey, by direction of the President for conspicuous gallantry at the battle of Chancellorsville, May 5, 1863.
Although a colonel and badly wounded, this officer, now Senator, assumed command of a brigade of treese and remained.

New Castle—State News. mand of a brigade of troops and remained throughout the battle on the field.

Lee Nixon Coming Home.

Special to the Indianapolic Journal. WASHINGTON, March 26. - Mr. Lee Nixon, private secretary of Congressman Overstreet, intended to start for Indianapoli to-day, but was unable to do so on accoun of a severe attack of malaria. He thinks he will be able to leave by Sunday. He will remain in Indianapolis until after the congressional nomination, for which Mr. Overstreet is a candidate.

Pensions Increased.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, March 26.-Congressman Overstreet was to-day notified by the Pension Office that the pension of Lonzo D. Morley, of Freedom, was increased to \$17 per month, from Sept. 6, 1888. Congressman Royse was notified that the pension of William H. Jordan, of Bowdon, was increased to \$14 per month, from March 21, 1892.

Reed Thanked by the W. C. T. U. CHICAGO, March 26.-The general officers of the national W. C. T. U. have addressed a letter to Speaker Reed at Washington, expressing gratitude for the Speaker's action in enforcing the rule against smoking in the House of Representatives. The letter also expressed the hope that at no distant day the sale of liquor will also be banished from the national Capitol.

A Populist's Dire Proposition. WASHINGTON, March 26.-Senator Allen to-day introduced a resolution declaring that Congress should not adjourn without restoring the free coinage of silver and taking from the Secretary of the Treasury the power to issue bonds.

General Notes. WASINHGTON, March 26.-William M. Cobb, of Athens, Ga., has been appointed private secreatry of Secretary Hoke Smith. W. A. Wellons was to-day appointed postmaster at Needmore, Brown county, vice

Douglas Neal, resigned.

Mr. Merrill Moores, of Indianapolis, and Mr. Joseph I. Irwin, of Columbus, called on Representative Henry to-day. Mr. Moores is on his way home after an extensive tour of the continent and of England, Scotland and Ireland. Mr. Irwin is a prominent banker of Columbus, with extensive tinplating factories at Anderson Mr. A. H. Taylor, of Petersburg, is at the Raleigh, and I. C. Elston, of Crawfordsville, is at the Ebbltt.

EXPLOSION AND FIRE.

Two Men Killed and Others Hurt in a Grease Extracting Works.

NEWARK, N. J., March 26.-By an explosion in the Nickerson & Spence grease extracting works to-night, two men were killed and two badly burned. The fire resulting from the explosion did several thousand dollars' damage. The killed are: Albert Ehrent, twenty-two years old, of this city, and Frederick Gallagher, of Rockland, Mass. Those injured are James Hayef, superintendent of the works, and Charles Begler, a workman. It is not known what caused the explosion which occurred in the tension of the main factory, but it is posed that it was from naphtha, which is used extensively in that department. Persons in the main building heard a roar and saw the flames shoot up. Those who rushed out saw Hayef and Begler stagger out of the burning building. The bodies of Ehrent and Gallagher, charred beyond recognition could be seen for some time in the build-ing before the firemen could take them from

ARKANSAS TOWN BURNING.

Benton Ablaze and Without a Fire Department to Stay the Flames. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 27 .- A telephone message at 2 o'clock reports the town of Benton, Ark., on fire with prospects of being wiped out. The fire is under big head-way and the town, a place of one thousand inhabitants, is without a fire department.

Other Fires.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis., March 26 Forest fires burned over a large territory to the east of this city yesterday and today, doing damage to the extent of many thousands of dollars. They have destroyed the prospects for the blueberry crop in that particular region, which has in the past furnished employment to hundreds of berryickers at remarkably good wages during e picking season.

MACHIAS, Me., March 26.-The new Vose block, one of the finest in the city, was de-stroyed by fire early to-day, and the sev-eral business firms and persons renting offices in the building, as well as lodge rooms, lost all their effects. The total damage is estimated at \$125,000; insurance, \$90,000. The fire started in one of the lodge rooms. The loss to the Vose building is \$100,000; insur-

LOUISVILLE, March 26 .- The steamer Sam Brown, owned by Captain S. S. Brown, of Pittsburg, and valued at about \$25,000. burned at the foot of Market street, this city, to-night. The Brown was a stern wheeler, built at Pittsburg in 1881, and since her construction had been in the coal car-rying trade between Pittsburg and the

ANSONIA, Conn., March 26.—Fire to-day destroyed Germania Hall, a brick block. The janitor, John Erben, fell from an upper landing, head foremost, and was fatally injured. The loss is estimated at about \$20,-

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., March 26.—Hiram M. White's block was almost destroyed by fire to-day. The total loss will amount to about \$50,000.

Business Embarrassments.

HOLYOKE, Mass., March 26.-Officials of the Smith, Wilson & Sears Paper Company to-night announced that the company was in financial difficulties and unable to meet its obligations. Treasurer Bradley refused to give out a statement of the assets and liabilities. It is believed, however, the liabilities will be nearly \$200,000 Depression in business is asigned as the cause of the company's difficulty. of the company's difficulty. A meeting of the creditors has been called for Monday. ST. LOUIS, March 26.-Late yesterday afternoon the Pullis Bros.' Iron Company made an assignment to Henry Boemler as trustee. Shortly before the assignment was made a deed of trust was filed on all the property belonging to the firm. The total amount of the liabilities is said to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000. The assets are given as \$500,000. A lack of business and poor collections caused the failure. HOLIASTON, Mass., March 26.-C. H. Goodwin & Co., of Haverhill, the principal shoe manufacturers here, assigned to-day to James W. Goodwin, of Haverhill. The lia-bilities of their shoe business are about \$28,-

000, while it is said that outside liabilities are greatly in excess of this amount. An Old Will Found.

ST. LOUIS, March 26.—For many years 250 acres of valuable land in the southeastern section of this city have been in litiga-tion by heirs of Solomon H. Sublette, an old French trapper and hunter, who died here in 1857. Most of the property is unimproved, but is worth at least a million dollars. Today the old and musty will of Sublette was flied with the Probate Court by one of the heirs, and the property which has so long been in litigation will be divided among hose who are its rightful owners. James J Thompson, one of the witnesses to the will, is living in Springfield, Mo. He examined the locument and pronounced it all right. At WASHINGTON, March 26.—The resigna-the time it was drawn up he was a banker at Glasgow, Mo., and was a friend of the Sublette family.

Burglar Killed.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., March 26. - Five burglars entered the store of Goodfriend Brothers last night. David Goodfriend, who leeps in the store, was aroused and opened are. One burglar was killed; the others fled The police captured two this morning, who

Steamer Yorktown Ashore. CAPE HENRY, Va., March 26 .- The Old Dominion steamer Yorktown is ashore near Small's Point.

Too Tired to Sleep.

Take Horsford's Acid Phosphate. The weariness from brain work and ner vous excitement is the most enervating fatigue there is. Horsford's Acid Phosphat

BLOOD AT THE DANCE

ONE MAN SLASHED WITH A KNIFE AND TWO OTHERS SHOT.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. RUSHVILLE, Ind., March 26 .- Three peole were fatally wounded in a fight last night in Andrew's Chapel neighborhood, near Buena Vista, Franklin county, and six or seven others were injured. The fight was caused by the jealousy of rival lovers. Samuel Templeton and Henry Wilson are both admirers of Miss Nora McIntyre, daughter of Thomas McIntyre, a leading farmer of that section. Templeton and Wilson last night attended a dance at the home of a farmer named Adam Draper, the young woman going with Templeton. Wilson made threats to "get even," and shortly before 11 o'clock Templeton, while outside the house, was set upon by Wilson, armed with a sharp knife. Wilson made a slash at his enemy's throat and nearly cut off Templeon's lower lip. Templeton sprang backward and Wilson advanced a second time. Temleton drew a revolver and fired, but missed. The men clinched and rolled on the ground. Wilson used his knife with deadly effect intil his arm was seized by Templeton. The atter fired a second shot, but Wilson

eized his right arm and prevented a further use of the weapon for a few minutes. The shooting drew a large crowd of dancers to the scene. Templeton sympa-thizers were first to act and had about wrested the knife from Wilson's hand when a crowd of Wilson supporters took part. Templeton, his arm again free, began shooting. One shot caught Wilson in the right leg near the groin and lodged just above the knee. The fourth shot struck a bystander, a friend of Templeton, named Charles Bolster. A bad wound was made in the muscles of the right side of the neck and the wounded man nearly died of hem-orrhage. His wounds are considered fatal. The sympathizers of the two combatants engaged in a free-for-all fight, resulting in many broken heads, blacked eyes and bruised bodies. The fight was finally ended by friends separating the principals, who were both about exhausted from loss of blood. Both men are feared to be fatally hurt. Medical aid was secured as soon as possible and the Draper house converted into a hospital. Miss McIntyre, the young woman over whom her lovers fought, was taken home by a neighbor. News of the affair was brought to town by a farmer named Burrows. The locality in which the fight took place is about eighteen miles southeast of here and is about the same distance from Brookville, Connersville and Greensburg. Neither railway lines, tele-phone or telegraph wires reach the locality.

NEW CASTLE COUNTERFEITERS. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wright and an Ac-

complice Arrested. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. NEW CASTLE, Ind., March 26.-For some time past the city and county police officers have been trying to locate the origin of some spurious coin which has been in circulation in this community. Finally suspicion was directed to a house on Main street and a watch was kept on it for a few days, when it was learned that the occupants, William R. Wright and his wife were sure enough engaged in the manufacture and distribution of counterfeit coin Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Wright packed her trunk and made arrangements to go to Cincinnati on the morning train to-day, She had the trunk taken to the depot, where last night it was opened by the officers and a full set of burglar's tools and molds for the manufacture of 50 and 5-cent pieces were found. Several bad coins were also found. Deputy Sheriff Smith and Marshal Gaddis went to Wright's home and ar-rested the couple and placed them in jail. Mrs. Wright made a partial confession and said she was going to Cincinnati to mest Charles Williams, an accomplice. She was directed to proceed to Cincinnati and the city marshal accompanied her. The meeting was held and the marshal succeeded in arresting his man and will bring him home. All the parties and others will be tried before Judge Baker in Indian-A dispatch from Cincinnati says Williams confessed, saying he had made the coin only

INDIANA POLITICS. Populists and Democrats in the Ninth

money is said to have been circulated in

ment. Some of the spuriou

to Get Together Again. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. FRANKFORT, Ind., March 26.-The Populists of the Ninth district met in convention here to-day to nominate a candidate for Congress and select delegates for the national convention at St. Louis June 22. For reasons not stated the congressional part of the programme was indefinitely postponed. Alonzo Burkhart, of Tipton, John W. George, of Clinton, and A. Labaw, of Fountain county, were elected national delegates. A resolution abolishing the liquor traffic was voted down, and resolutions declaring for free silver and sympathizing with Cuba were adopted. The failure to nominate a congressional candidate is interpreted

as a flirtation with the Democracy. Students' McKinley Club.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. DANVILLE, Ind., March 26 .- The Repubcan students of the Central Normal College have organized a McKinley League Club of the Central Normal College, Resolutions were adopted that the club's efforts shall be to secure the nomination and elecshall be to secure the nomination and elec-tion of the apostle of protection. Officers elected were: Joseph P. Herr, president; J. H. Miller, vice-president; Ira L. Parrett, secretary; G. W. Kenworthy, recording sec-retary; M. Z. Spahr, treasurer; H. O. Smith,

Four Candidates for Senator.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. NOBLESVILLE, Ind., March 26 .- The convention to nominate a joint Senator for Hamilton and Tipton counties has been called to meet in this city on Tuesday, April 14, at 10:30 o'clock. Tipton has arranged matters so as to present but one candidate, and that will be James Waugh, brother of ex-Congressman Dan Waugh. Hamilton county still has three candidates in the persons of George Shirts, David McMath and Marcellus B. Walker.

Joint Senatorial Nominations. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LEBANON, Ind., March 26 .- The Republican joint senatorial convention for Boone Montgomery and Clinton counties met here to-day. The three counties are allowed two Senators, and Samuel R. Artman, of this city, and Robert Carrick, of Frankfort, were is located exactly opposite William Strat-chosen as candidates without opposition. Independence mine and on the other The convention indorsed Judge Stephenson. of Noblesville, for Appellate Judge, James R. Mount for Governor and McKiniey for Presi-

INDIANA OBITUARY. Sherman Davis, Pennsylvania Agent at Seymour.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. SEYMOUR, Ind., March 26.-Sherman Davis, agent of the Pennsylvania railroad in this city, died this afternoon, aged thirtyfour years. This is the third death in the family, the mother and one daughter having died in the past week. There are left six living children, none able to earn a living. Mr. Davis stood high in railroad circles. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. The remains will be taken to Vallonia for burial.

Other Deaths in the State. KOKOMO, Ind., March 26.-Mrs. Louisa W. Leeds, one of the earliest settlers of this county and founder of the orphans' home of this place, died on Monday at Turon, Kan. She was born here in 1838, being the eldest daughter of Dr. Corydon Richmond, who survives, aged eighty-eight. Dr. Richmond, whose eyes began to fall some years ago, is now totally blind. Otherwise he is in rugged

BRAZIL, Ind., March 26 .- Mrs. Winney, wife of P. T. Winney, a member of the city School Board and superintendent of the Central Iron and Steel Company's works of this place, died suddenly last night of heart trouble. Mrs. Winney was apparently in good health up to a short time of her death. MARTINSVILLE, Ind., March 26 .- Mrs Elvis Fowler, aged sixty, died to-day of pneumonia at her home at Wilbur, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Fowler were among the early settlers of this part of the country. WARASH, Ind., March 26.-Mathias Lukens, aged eighty, one of the pioneer

residents of this county, died of paralysis last night at his home near Roann. He came of California, and negotiations have been opened with them for a site. LEBANON, Ind., March 26 .- Mrs. Ruth

IN THE OIL FIELD.

Beach, aged seventy-five, one of the oldest settlers of Boone county, died here this

New Wells in Territory Heretofore

Unworked. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MONTPELIER, Ind., March 26.-A great amount of new work is now under way in the Indiana oil field. The influx of Eastern oil men is remarkable. Territory is being taken up in places that have heretofore been considered out of the belt, and new operations of a venture kind are springing up in all directions. The Standard Oil Company's gusher, on the Vernon farm, several miles west from this place, has caused great activity in that direction. In Wells county R. F. Cummins's No. 7, Ogle farm, Section 18, Nottingham township, is flowing 100 barrels; Rowland, Ziegler & Co.'s No. 1, Hardshell farm, Section 17, same township, 60 barrels; Fitzgerald & Co.'s No. 7, Nehr farm, Section 15, same township, 10 barrels; S. W. Tait's No. 6, Groves farm, Section 14, Chester township, barrels; Bettman, Watson & Co.'s Nos. 5 and 6, Shadle farm, Section 7, Chester township, 30 and 10 barrels, respectively; Akron Oil Company's No. 6, Shadle farm, Section 18, Chester township, 30 barrels; S. W. Tait & Co.'s No. 1, Banter farm, Section 30, Jackson township, 30 barrels; same firm's No. 3, Williams farm, Section 19 same township, 40 barrels; B. F. Pyle's No. 7, Faust farm, Section 1, same township, 3 parrels; Breckenridge & Co.'s No. 2, Curry farm, Section 14, same township, dry; Row-land, Ziegler & Co.'s No. 1, Chopson farm Section 4, same township, dry; Standard Oil Company's No. 11, Huffman farm, Sec-tion 1, same township, 60 barrels; George W. Barnes's No. 3, Myers farm, Section 2 Chester township, 10 barrels.

In Blackford County—The Fort Wayne
Gas Company's No. 7, Keisling farm, Section 15, Harrison township, Blackford county, 90 barrels Akron Oil Company's No. 3,
Hoover farm, same section, 150 barrels;
Standard Oil Company's No. 2, Evers's heirs' farm, Section 16, same township, 90 barrels; same company's No. 3, Evers's farm, same section, 100 barrels; The Echo Oil Company's No. 2, Tewksbury farm, Section 2, same township, 30 barrels; Mount & Twibell's No. 1, Shields's farm, Section 2, same township, 45 barrels; Mount & Section 2, s ship, 45 barrels; the Standard Oil Company's No. 4, Shannon farm, Section 18, same township, 15 barrels; same company's No. 8, Brotherton farm, Section 3, Washington township, 30 barrels; Merring & Co.'s No. 3, McConkey farm, Section 12, same township, 50 barrels. No. 3, Ninde farm, Section 23, Penn town-

ship, Jay county, 90 barrels. Big Sale of Oil Leases. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. BLUFFTON, Ind., March 26.-The Ogle Oil | tiary. Company, of this city, sold its leases of the Ogle, Edington and Gensel farms to Kerlin Brothers and Joseph Casher, of Toledo, O., for \$26,000. The daily production of oil is 280

SOUTHERN INDIANA EDITORS. Fourteenth Semi-Annual Meeting

Held at Columbus. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. COLUMBUS, Ind., March 26.-The Southern Press Association here to-day opened its fourteenth semi-annual meeting. About twenty editors were in attendance at the morning session. A new constitution was adopted abolishing the office of corresponding secretary and creating the office of financial secretary. John W. Cockrum, of the Oakland City Journal, was elected to the office. John Johnson, ir., of the Bedford Demoerat, was elected treasurer in the place of Frank B. Hitchcock, who recently died. In the afternoon several papers were read by the visiting editors. This evening the edi-tors participated in the formal dedication of the new twenty-thousand-dollar City Hall. Speeches were made by Mayor Beck, Hon. George W. Cooper and Judge Marshall Hacker. Gen. Jasper Packard, of the New Albany Tribune, spoke for the visitors. After the dedication a banquet was tendered the visitors by the city officers and busine men. During the day the editors were given a street-car ride over the city, and after the afternoon session the citizens provided carriages and the visitors were taken to visit the various factories and other institutions of the city.

Legal Intricacies. necial to the Indianapolis Journal. WINCHESTER, Ind., March 26.-A New York paper is authority for the story that Judge Sterling B. Toney, of Louisville, who is a great stickler for promptness, the other day caused himself to be fined \$5 for con-tempt of court because he was a few min-tempt of court because he was a few utes late, and later not only remitted the fine against himself, but likewise against all others in contempt for like causes. This story brings to mind an interesting chapter in the recent history of one of Randolph county's courts of limited jurisdiction. Esquire Fowler, one of the regular J. P.'s of Parker City and Monroe township, had a disagreement with one Lyons, his tenant, and finaly sued him, bringing the suit in his own court, issuing and signing his own summons for Lyons, and generally preparing himself to dispense justice to his tenant from his own court. Later, becoming dissatisfied with himself, and, it is presumed, seeing that an interminable mix might result be-tween himself and his other or legal self. he took a change of venue from himself. and the case of Fowler vs. Lyons, in the court of Fowler, J. P., was duly transferred

Story of John Spradling's Suicide. Special to the Indianapolis Journal KOKOMO, Ind., March 26 .- The coroner's investigation of the death of John Spradling developed a strange case of suicide. Sunday evening Spradling kissed his babies, then went to the rooms of a Mrs. Lillian Price. near his home, to spend the evening, his frequent visits there of late causing much talk. During the evening another man called at the Price home ,making Spradling jealous and causing a violent quarrel between him and the woman, who was driven from the room at the point of a revolver. Spradling then went to a mirror, removed his collar, cuffs, scarf and diamond pin, opened his shirt front, and, placing the revolver to his bared breast, shot himself through the heart. He was twenty-three years old, a member of several secret orders and a son of J. W pradling, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, of Russiaville. The family came here from Franklin county a year ago.

On the Road to Riches.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., March 26 .- Dr. W. F. Work, of this county, and his brotherin-law, Walter Dedrick, also of this county, but who is now in Denver, have made a strike in their gold mine at Cripple Creek which they have good reason to hope will make them miniature gold kings and place them in the same rank with William Stratton, who is also a native of this city. The mine cwned by Messrs. Dedrick and Work side of the same mountain. Dr. Work, has received from Dedrick a small sample, which had been smelted and was full of the precious metal. The letter accompanying it states that the lead has been examined by experts and the samples taken out are very rich. As they have gone down but a short distance, the existence of gold in paying quantities is certain.

Killed with a Club.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. SEYMOUR, Ind., March 26 .- Last Monday night at Medora, this county, John Ulmer struck Andrew Darkes over the head with a hickory club, felling him to the ground and fracturing his skull, from the effects of which he died Tuesday evening. Darkes and a man named Oden were in Lahrmann's saloon drinking. About closing-up time Lahrmann refused to let the men have any more drinks and told them to go home. A quarrel ensued and John Ulmer sided with the saloon keeper. The men finally left the saloon, but were followed by Uimer, who secured a hickory club, which he used with deadly effect on Darkes, while Oden escaped with a broken nose. Ulmer was arrested and is now in jail at Brownstown. He is weak minded.

Organizing a California Colony.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ANDERSON, Ind., March 26.-A number of Andersonians and citizens of Madison county are organizing a colony to remove to Santa Clara county, California. Dr. W. H. Hubbard, of this city, is president, and Mr. A. J. Wertz, a newspaper man, secretary. Negotiations have been begun for a location. It is proposed to make the new colony an Eden for Populists and spiritualists. They will canvass the county and State for volunteers. The plans now laid are to it is feared, we several ribs crucing trains. There are a number of former caped injury.

Andersonains now residing in that section

A Glass Blower Carves Himself. special to the Indianapolis Journal. MUNCIE, Ind., March 26.-James Harrold, a glass blower from Brooklyn, while temporarily deranged from excessive drinking, to-day stuck a penknife into his throat three times, then got a butcher knife and attempted to cut the arteries in his wrists. Mrs. Mary Crouch, at whose home boarded, secured the butcher knife, after a struggle, but the man secured another knife, which he attempted to plunge into his abdomen, being bent on suicide. The police disarmed the man, who is now strapped to a bed at the City Hospital. His chances for recovery are meager. He is thirty-two years old and worked at Ball

T. H. Coniff Found Dying. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KNIGHTSTOWN, Ind., March 26 .- A man was found by the side of the Panhandle tracks west of town to-night mutilated. It is the supposition that he had fallen from the limited train. No. 2 east-bound, due here at 7:49 o'clock. After being picked up and taken to the undertaking establishment of J. O. Addison it was ascertained from papers in his pocket that his name was T. H. Coniff, of Imperial, Pa. His injuries are fatal. His skull is crushed and several ugly cuts are noticeable about his face and neck. His left leg and arm are broken. Coniff is well-dressed, and is apparently about thirty-five vears old. Two Indianapolis Burglars Caught.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. PETERSBURG, Ind., March 26.-Last Monday morning at 1 o'clock the large retail store of Gus Frank, at this place, was entered by burglars and \$200 worth of clothing taken, Deputles, led by failer M. Robinson, of this place, were put on the track, and the men were located at Mount Carmel, Ill., where the town marshal arrested them on suspicion. Requisitions were obtained and the men were brought here to-day and will have their trial to-morrow. Their names are Jim Malone, Joe Collis and Frank Morris. The first lives at Los Angeles, Cal., and the other two at Indianapolis.

Wanted a Change of Linen.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. GREENSBURG, Ind., March 26.-Last night the steam laundry of Harry Lathrop was burglarized and a number of garments belonging to customers were stolen. This morning Sheriff Meek arrested "Tanglefoot" Jones, Dehoff and Harry Green, three young men, and lodged them in jail. Harry Green "peached" and gave the officers a tip as to the location of the stolen property.
It was found in the schoolhouse closet.
Jones has served a term in the peniten-

His Gossip Cost Him \$5,500. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. GOSHEN, Ind., March 26.-Damages to the amount of \$5.500 were awarded to Mrs. William Priser to-day for defamation of character by William Barker. The prominence of the parties made the case sensational. Barker's remark concerning Mrs. Priser led to the institution of divorce proceedings by her husband, and the suit for libel followed. Barker is a wealthy farmer, prominent in agricultural matters and the Farmers' Alliance

Milton Robbers Caught in Cincinnati. special to the Indianapolis Journal. RICHMOND, Ind., March 26 .- Some days ago the store of F. M. Jones & Co., hardware dealers, of Milton, was robbed of over \$200 worth of goods. Bloodhounds were secured and put on the trail of the thieves, and succeeded in tracing them to Connersville, where the trail was lost. Saturday

night two crooks were captured in Cincinna and the stolen goods were found on them. Four Tramps Killed in a Wreck. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. SHELBY, Ind., March 26.-An extensive wreck occurred on the L. I. & I. railroad three miles east of North Judson this morn ing. A freight train west bound was telescoped, and four unknown tramps who were stealing a ride were killed. The responsible ty has not yet been located, and the rail way employes are very reticent. It is im-possible to gain particulars.

Physio-Medics in Convention. special to the Indianapolis Journal. NEW CASTLE, Ind., March 26.-The Physio-Medical Association of the First district of Indiana held a convention here to day. Physicians were present from Ander-Muncie, Elwood, Richmond and In-

Twelve-Year-Old Horsethief.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LEBANON, Ind., March 26 .- John Pierce, aged twelve, living ten miles west of here. quarreled with his stepmother yesterday, Last night he took her pocketbook and his stepbrother's horse and left. He was arrest-ed here early this morning.

Stove Dealers Fail. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. K.NIGHTSTOWN, Ind., March 26.-R. Breckenridge & Sons, stove merchants, this city for many years, made an assignment to-day, naming W. R. Stage assignee. Assets, \$3,000; liabilities, unknown.

Indiana Notes. The residence of Oliver Albright at Ko komo was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss \$2,000; insurance \$1,200 in the Niagara company. the G. A. R., addressed a large gathering

at the campfire at the Presbyterian Church at Kokomo on Wednesday night.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Seventy-eight employes of the King Ax Company, of Cleveland, are on strike be-cause of a reduction of 15 per cent. in wages. Ahrens & Ott, extensive brass and iron manufacturers at Louisville, have shut down for an indefinite period because of dull trade. The firm employs about six hundred men. The Lake Carriers' Association yesterday decided to increase wages 12 per cent. over the card figures of April, 1895. This practically embraces all the shipping on the

The Postal Telegraph Company has de-clared a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent., payable April 15. This is the first dividend of the company, its surplus earnings hereiofore having been devoted to extensions. Maggie Weber, the wife of a Cleveland saloon keeper, arrested for drunkenness, hung herself in a cell at the Central Police Station yesterday. She is the third woman prisoner who has hung herself in the Cleveand station in six months.

The Merino & Ross cotton mills, at Olney-ville, R. I., and all the mills in the Woon-asquatucket valley have decided to cut wages or reduce running time at once. The large mills at Olneyville take a similar action to-day, but in such a way as to prevent

A certificate of incorporation of the American Cotton Company was filed at Trenton, N. J., yesterday. The amount of the capital stock is \$6,000;000, of which \$500,000 is paid in. The company will buy and sell seed cotton and manufacture machinery for ginning, cleaning, baling, etc. The C. N. Nelson Lumber Company has sold its interests in Cloquet, Minn., and in the adjaining county, for \$4,000,000, the buy-ers being the Frederick Weyer Hauser inter-ests. The sale includes a sawmill with a capacity of 125,000,000 feet annually, vast

racts of timber and iron mines and a rall-The twenty-six water companies that furnish most of the inhabitants of the Wyoming and Lackawanna valleys of Pennsylvania with water were purchased outright yesterday by a syndicate of New York capitalists. The price paid was nearly \$4,-000,000. The companies will be absorbed by the Spring Brook Supply Company.

Wants the Flower Bill Cut Down. MONTREAL, Quebec, March 26.—A strange case coming out of the state funeral of the late Sir John Thompson is up in the Exchequer Court to-day. It is the case of W. B. Davidson vs. The Queen for flowers supplied on that occasion. Mr. Davidson claims \$1,900, and the Queen, as represented by the Executive Council, offers \$300 in full settlement. Mr. Davidson says he will fight the case to the bitter end.

which will have a capital of \$5,000,000

Fell with the Staging.

LOWELL. Mass., March 26.—A staging ou side of a building adjoining the high school on Kirk street, fell shortly before noon t day, and three men who were at work on it fell to the ground. Joseph Terrell suffered a fracture of the skull and is fatally injured it is feared, while Charles S. Sweeney had several ribs crushed. The third workman es

RETRACT

YOUNG GIRLS SLANDERED BY TRAVELING EVANGELIST.

Called Before a Public Meeting and Compelled to Apologise-Man Cowhided by Mob of Women.

FRESNO, Cal., March 26.-The people o Fresno were aroused to a state of warm indignation this morning by the publication in the Morning Republican of an article denouncing Rev. I. T. Johnson, a traveling evangelist, who has been holding meetings in the Methodist Church for some weeks, for having repeated from the pulpit a statement which, he claimed, had been made to him, that two-thirds of the girls of this city were ruined before they had reached the age fourteen years. The paper also contained an interview with the preacher, in which he admitted and repeated the statement, but declined to give the source of his information. A meeting of business men was held to consider the matter and also to call a mass meeting in the evening to express the indignation of the community. A meeting of the directors of the church was also held. The latter had been in session but a short time, when a request was made for their attendance at the conference of bus-iness men, which was complied with, and subsequently no decision was reached by the church officials.

hnson was called before the meeting and made to sign a retraction and apology. A large crowd had gathered in front of the meeting place and this started the re-port that the crowd was bent upon lynching him, but no actual violence offered the preacher. At this juncture Mr. A. B. Briggs came out of the bank building and addressed the crowd, stating that the preacher had apologized and would probably leave town at once. While the crowd was listening to Mr. Briggs the evangelist hurried out another door and took his departure.

Whipped by Women. BERTRAND, Neb., March 26.-H. H. Willey, ex-Justice of the Peace and a prominent citizen, was publicly whipped by a mob of enraged women on the streets of the city to-day. He was accused of making an indecent proposal to a young girl and ordered to leave town. He was arranging to do so in the custody of the constable, when a crowd of women, led by the girl's mother, surrounded the officer and demanded his Revolvers were exhibited and threats made to use them. The officer complied and the prisoner was taken to the main street and given a terrible beating. Cltizens finally put a stop to the work and the victim left town at once. Willey's family witnessed his punishment, which occurred in front of his residence.

Schemes to Prevent Gerrymandering. To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: There never has been a time since this State was organized that the electoral franchise in some districts was not materially more potent in legislative affairs than the electoral franchise in others. In many instances the power of a thousand voters in one section of the State has been greater than the power of two thousand in another. If such a law should be enforced at the polls, that is, if one person should be allowed to vote twice because he belonged to one political party, while his neighbor of the opposite party was allowed to vote but once, we would all fly to arms. To put a stop to such iniquity "is a consummation defully submit the following propositions First-Provide that the Legislature, in fixing legislative and congressional districts, shall begin at the northeast corner of the State and pass westward along the north ine of the State to the west line and then east to the east line, and so on, making the districts as nearly square as practicable and as equal in population as can be done with-out dividing polling precincts. Under this scheme the variations in the population of

the districts could hardly exceed one thou-Second-Provide that nominees for the Legislature and for Congress shall reside in districts to be fixed by the Legislature, but that they shall be voted for throughout the entire State; that each political party shall elect all its nominees; that the nominees of each party so elected shall, within twenty days after election, meet at the State capital and choose from their own number the persons to represent them in the Legislature or in Congress, as the same may be; that each party shall have such a proportion of the representatives in the Legislature and in ngress as the average vote cast for its minees bears to the whole average vote of the State for the nominees of all the

I submit that either of those methods would do away with the evils of gerryman-dering. The second scheme seems to me to be preferable. Under it, if party A should poll 460,000 votes, party B 440,000 and party C 100,000, making 1,000,000 in all, the nominees of party A would elect forty-six of the one hundred Representatives in the Legislature, those of party B forty-four and those of party C ten, and each would elect one-half that number of Senators. Under the same supposition party A would have six Congressmen, party B six and party C one. If there were but two parties, a bare majority at the polls would always have a majority of one in the Legislature and in Congress. The minority at the polls would never have the majority of the representatives. Another feature in this second scheme is worthy of consideration, namely, the assembly of elected nominees would be apt to choose their stronger members as repre-sentatives. If any one of their members should be pre-eminent his selection would be almost a certainty. There would be no dan-ger that the nominees would choose unknown and untried persons over such men as McKinley or Crisp. There would be a double selection, or weeding out of mediocr members, which would be beneficial. Before either of these plans could be put into law it would be necessary to amend the Constitution. But that can be done if a majority of the electors deem either of these plans or any similar ones desirable. Many other, and perhaps better, schemes may be sug-gested to correct this old evil. I merely preent these suggestions for what they are worth.

JOHN M. VAN FLEET.

Elkhart, Ind., March 27. Something Wrong Somewhere.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: In no other city in the world, as far as I know, can a band of men, probably not fifty, all told, continue for months to so pursue a few laboring men with bludgeons and firearms as they go to and return from their work that the civil authorities have to guard them with armed police to prevent serious bodily harm, if not death. Just why these same laboring men do not need a bodyguard all the time when not behind the wails of their workshop is not generally known, though the fact that they cannot go to or return from their place of em-pleyment unguarded is well known to the civil authorities. There is something wrong somewhere. No one alleges that Chandler & Taylor are engaged in an unlawful busin. is, or that the men they employ are un-skilled or unworthy. The fact that for near-ly a year the city has paid the expenses of a bodyguard for these men implies that its authorities recognize the right of the firm to protection so far as their interest is involved, and the right of the laboring men to work if they can get employment. What is remarkable in this case is that the men who cause all this personal insecurity and public expense are well known to the civil authorities. Every one of them can be easily identified, and yet this little army of policemen is ordered to duty as regularly as the day comes and the city foots the bill. Who is to blame? It is certainly not the owners of the plant. They have long been recognized as worthy men; neither can it be the workmen thus dogged, for they are skilled and trustworthy, and re-markable examples of self-control consider-ing their provocations. Is it because their enemies are representatives of a body of men who are banded together for such a men who are banded together for such a purpose and who have such a pull upon the civil authorities that they dare not act in the suppression of such a conspiracy? Or is it because we have no law to cover such a case? If we have not, why have we not? Has this powerful organization such a political influence that lawmakers dare not legislate against such a crime? Or is their grip upon the administrators of the law? No one believes for a moment that if the case were such that the United States court could have jurisdiction the outrage ourt could have jurisdiction the outrage would continue twenty-four hours. There is something wrong somewhere and every civil and commercial interest of the city demands that it be discovered and remedied. If a band of men in the name of organization can require the city to thus escort one set of employes it may and probably will require it to escort others. If we have no aw to cover such a case we must have, and, if the officers are afraid to execute the law, let us know why.

U. L. SEE. U. L. SEE. Indianapolis, March 26,

A Democratic View of It. Philadelphia Record. Governor Morton's candidacy in New York for the presidency has been esteemed, like

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Friendly Suggestion.

Philadelphia Record Ohio's State Librarian, who is one of Mc-Kinley's most trusted field marshals, has been forced by the Forakerites to resign. While McKinley is sweeping so many fields he should rest on his broom handle long enough to reflect that there is no place like

Morton's Seeds.

Kansas City Journal. Secretary Morton does not guarantee the quality of his garden seeds. He does not promise that any such cabbage heads will be grown from them as those now in Congress, and he would be appalled to think such a result possible.

What's in the Name?

Washington Capital. I can tell Mr. Matthews that the Democrats are not likely to nominate anybody for President by the name of Claude.

Firemen Adopt Resolutions. Eureka Lodge, No. 14, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, last night took a hand in the contest between Representatives Johnson and Watson. They passed resolutions declaring their opposition to Johnson because of his work during the Legislature in 1891 against the collability bill that was before that Legislature.

Ex-President Harrison Pleased. I have only had an opportunity to give a aedic Dictionary, but I am pleased with it. t is a valuable reference book.

March 24, 1896. BENJ. HARRISON.

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